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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: Jack E. Caveney, et al.

Serial No.: 10/647,848) Examiner: Prasad, Chandrika

Filing Date: August 25, 2003) Group Art Unit: 2839

For: Reversible Fiber Optic Connector

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. Applicants hereby petition for a onemonth extension of time to respond to the Office Action of August 27, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the one-month extension fee of \$110.00 to our Deposit Account No. 16-0228. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, aside from the issue fee, or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 7, 2004

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